

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 3055 – SB 3789

March 22, 2010

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015164): Deletes all language of the original bill. Defines the carrying capacity of the Ocoee River between Rogers Branch and Caney Creek to be 4,250 commercial customers on dates which the commercial usage exceeded 4,250 in the previous year. Requires that each date on which the carrying capacity was capped for the last season also be capped on the same date for the next season unless the commercial usage fell below 4,050 customers. Authorizes the Hiwassee/Ocoee Scenic River State Park management to increase or decrease the daily commercial carrying capacity at the lower Ocoee River Recreational area to the extent staffing and infrastructure will allow; provided that any decrease will not go below 4,000. Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to promulgate rules.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Revenue – Up to \$8,000

Increase State Expenditures – Up to \$79,900

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Revenue – Up to \$1,300

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the TDEC, the state receives \$0.50 per person rafting on the Ocoee River. On 10 days of the year the capacity will be increased by 250 per day. Recurring state revenue will increase up to \$1,250 (250 customers x 10 days x \$0.50).

- According to TDEC, any increase to recurring expenditures associated with an increase in the number of customers can be handled within existing resources of the Department.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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